



Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club

EVENT NOTICE

37th Annual Wetzin'kwa Loppet

Saturday March 21, 2026

Mass Start

Classic, Free, and Skiathlon Technique

<https://bvnordic.ca/events-activities/races/#####>

<https://zone4.ca/event/#####>

Race Format: Classic, Free, and Skiathlon (40km) Technique, Mass Start

Distances 0.5km, 1km, 4km, 9km, 20km, 40km, 60km

Date/Time: Saturday, Mar 21, 2026, Mass start 10:30 am
*NOTE: 60km event start 9:30 am

Race Location: Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre (Hudson Bay Mountain Rd.)

Directions and map: <https://bvnordic.ca/trails-and-facilities/directions>
<http://www.bvnordic.ca/trails-and-facilities/maps/>

Host Club: Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club: <http://www.bvnordic.ca/>

Information: Chief of Competition: Robbie Dunbar
Contact: race@bvnordic.ca

Rules: [Nordiq Canada Rules and Regulations](#)

Race Registration Zone 4 Online Registration only: <https://zone4.ca/event/#####>

(Click on link or copy link into browser as required.)

Credit card payment is required. E-mail confirmation will be sent after registration if registered correctly.

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS: **TUESDAY, MAR 17, 11:59 PM, 2026**

NO LATE ENTRIES

Any questions please contact: race@bvnordic.ca

Licenses: Participants must purchase a \$3.00 Nordiq Canada event licence (*not applicable to BV Nordic Rabbit program registrants). The event licence fee will be automatically added to all race registrations on Zone 4 and the revenues sent directly to Nordiq Canada. Other race licenses are not required for this event.

Start List/Draw: Single Mass start for all categories, self-seeded.

Bib Pick-Up: Race Day, 8:30 am to 10:00 am, at the main lodge race office.

Awards: Award presentations will take place immediately following the race.

Concession: Lunch is included with participant race registration. Registrants can buy extra meal tickets at Zone4.ca when registering.

Waxing: Indoor wax space is available in the Gary Murdoch Memorial Waxing Hut. Space is limited. Outdoor power is available for waxing. Bring your own equipment.

Cross Country BC's 2025-26 Wax Protocol

Cross Country BC (CCBC) respectfully requests all coaches, athletes, wax technicians, and parents to abide by a self-governed protocol while waxing skis for identified events in British Columbia. This also applies to coaches, athletes, wax technicians, and parents travelling to British Columbia from out-of-province or out-of-country. Fluoro wax is restricted for all Nordiq Canada-sanctioned events and divisionally sanctioned events.

Please see the complete protocol [here](#).

- Accommodation:** For accommodations as well as other activities in Smithers please visit:
<http://www.tourismsmithers.com/>
- Trail pass:** Spectators do not require a trail pass to watch the race. If you are not a racer or a coach, you will require a day pass to use the trails on the day of the race.
- Refunds/Cancellation:** There will be no refund for participants who do not start their race.
- If race organizers cancel the race(s) due to unsafe weather conditions, a full refund will be made to participants except for any online processing fees. Races will be cancelled or postponed if temperature or weather conditions are unsuitable at start time.
- Per Nordiq Canada regulation 315.9:
- “With air temperatures below -20°C (temperature measured at the coldest point of the course and without wind factor) and competition distances less than or equal to 15 km, the Jury must postpone or cancel the competition... For U14 age groups and younger, with air temperatures below -15C (temperature measured at the coldest part of the course and without a wind factor), the Jury must postpone or cancel the competition. In that situation, U14 skiers will not be authorized to race up in the U16 categories.”*
- Race Routes:** Maps will be posted on the event webpage and at the BV Nordic lodge prior to the race.
- Fee:**
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| Bunnies and Rabbits in the BV Nordic Club | *Free |
| (*Loppet participation included in program registration) | |
| 0 to 11 years | \$15 |
| 12 to 17 years | \$20 |
| 18 to 99 years | \$30 |
- Categories:** Male, Female, Age Categories: 0-12, 12-17, 18+
Distance Categories: 0.5km, 1km, 4km, 9km, 20km, 40km, 60km
Technique Categories: Free, Classic, Skiathlon 40km (20km classic/20km skate)
- Awards:** Times will be recorded and available on Zone4.ca after the race.
Awards provided to the first 3 participants in each category of 9 km and longer.
Bunnies and Rabbits will receive a prize at the finish line.
- Feed Stations:** Feed stations will be set up on the course with water, sports drink, and some goodies to keep your energy up. Feed Stations generously provisioned by **McBike and Sport**.
- Bunnies/Rabbits:** Every Bunny/Rabbit participating in the Loppet must be in zone 4. There is no fee charged to Bunny/Rabbit participants.
- Bunnies and Rabbits must register for the race at:
<https://zone4.ca/event/#####>
 - Bunnies and Rabbits must be accompanied by an adult on the race-course. These adults do not require event registration but must have a trail pass.
 - All Bunnies and Rabbits will receive lunch as a race participant.
 - Bunny/Rabbit parents may purchase a lunch on Zone 4.

- A Bunny Parade (led by a Giant Bunny) will happen immediately prior to the mass start. The purpose of the Bunny Parade is to celebrate the participation of Bunnies and Rabbits this season. The parade also ensures they are grouped together and safely seeded at the back of the mass start.

Sponsors:

Thank you to our generous sponsors that make the Wetzin'Kwa Loppet a success.
2025 sponsors include:

- ***McBike and Sport***
- ***Nature's Pantry***

